

## "PITTSBURG PHIL" DEFENDS HIS HONOR

Munificent Offer to Anyone Proving Crookedness.

### ADMITTS HE IS A RICH MAN

Denies He Ever Paid Money to Jockeys or Others to Do Wrong—Signed Article Given Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—George E. Smith ("Pittsburg Phil") has just returned from Asheville, N. C., where he has been recuperating his health for the last few weeks. There have been rumors published occasionally that seemed to connect him in some way with Louis Smith, the suspended jockey. He has given out a signed article, in which he says:

"I am induced by my friends to make this statement to disabuse the minds of those who may have an idea, through circumstances and false rumors, that I was connected with the Jockey Smith when he rode Mr. Dwyer's horse Merry Acrobat at Morris Park this fall and for which ride he was punished by the Jockey Club, which withdrew his license."

### Makes Big Offer.

"Some persons have brought absolutely flat charges against me in connection with the race. To these persons I wish to say that I will forfeit \$25,000 through the Jockey Club to anyone who will prove that I ever gave \$1 to a jockey, owner or trainer of a horse to do anything wrong since I have been on the turf."

"To further induce a clearance of another case, meaning the race at Saratoga the season before last, which has also been brought up again by some critics, I will forfeit \$25,000 to anyone who can prove that I bet on any other horse in that race than Latson. As a further proof of my sincerity, I will give \$1,000 to Louis Smith, if he did anything wrong while riding Merry Acrobat at Morris Park, if he will inform the Jockey Club who was the instigator of his wrongdoing and give them all the facts in connection with the case."

"This offer I make to assist in clearing up the case, as I was told that a certain bookmaker, a member of the Metropolitan Association, had openly charged me with being connected with Smith, he also offering \$1,000 if Smith would tell what he knew about the race. Here are \$2,000 for Smith if he has anything to tell in the matter."

### Lost on Day.

"I might say right here that I did bet on the race, my speculations amounting to \$1,300, which I bet on Mr. Miller's stable, Cinquevali and Wild Thyme. My books show the records, which were as follows: \$600 straight, \$300 place, and \$400 to show. My winnings footed up \$4,750."

"To show that my transactions in that instance were small, I find, on looking over my betting book, that on the next race, in which I started my horse Grand Opera, I wagered \$6,100 and lost it. On the day I think I retired a good, big loser."

"I am candid in saying that I am a rich man, and more than that, I can say that I was a rich man long before I became a habituated patron of the track. I won money in the poolrooms of Chicago and other places even before I had ever witnessed a horse race, and when I became a heavy bettor I had not seen more than half a dozen days' racing in my life. I gained knowledge with experience, and my fortune grew so that today I am fairly wealthy. Consequently it is not reasonable to suppose that I would lend myself to aid any crooked work. I never did in all my life, and I am sure I am not going to begin at this late day."

### Jockeys Keep Ignorant.

"Jockeys who are riding my horses or those of others never know what horse I am betting upon. I am exceedingly particular upon this subject for the purpose of keeping the doors of scandal closed."

"More than this, I have many times refrained from playing a winner for the sole reason that Shaw or some other jockey in my employ has ridden a favorite in the race or a prominent contender. I cite one instance in particular in regard to this statement. It was in a race at Brighton Beach, in which Major Daingerfield and Hyphen took part. Daingerfield was almost a prohibitive favorite and Shaw had the mount. I was convinced by what I had seen Hyphen do in a race or two prior that he would win, and should have been the legitimate favorite. In fact, I really believed him a 1 to 10 shot. Because Shaw was riding Brady's horse I did not bet on the race, and Hyphen won. This shows how careful I always am in such cases."

### ORDWAYS LOSE TO

#### Y. M. C. A. TEAM

The Y. M. C. A. team added another to its long string of victories last night by defeating the Ordway Rifles—score, 15 to 7—in a league game of indoor baseball.

The Association boys were in the lead from the start and the soldiers never had a chance to win. The latter put up a plucky fight and considering that they are new at the game they made a good showing. Shepard scored a home run and Lindsay had two and Greene one two-baggers.

### The Line-up:

Y. M. C. A.—Lindsay, 1. s.; Spence, 1. f.; Greene, p.; Neale, c.; Tillman, 2b.; Fredell, r. s.; Harding, 2b.; Shepard, 1b.; Catchings, r. f.

Ordways—Leeman, r. f.; Loveday, 2b.; Barker, p.; Daley, r. s.; Chase, 1. s.; Robins, 1b.; Delanogue, c.; Beekman, 2b.; McCormick, 1. f.

### SENT TO WORKHOUSE.

William Webster, a one-armed white man, was in Police Court this morning on the charge of vagrancy and Judge Bundy ordered him to pay a fine of \$40 or spend six months in the workhouse. Webster was found in a marsh near Anacostia yesterday. He was nearly frozen, and was in a bad way from too much alcohol and too little food.

### FIRE AT SOMERSET HEIGHTS.

The residence of G. H. Walker at Somerset Heights, Md., was destroyed by fire last night. The loss on the building and furniture was about \$6,000, partially covered by insurance. About \$100 damage was done to the home of F. T. Cook, adjoining the Walker home. The cause is unknown.

## GAMES BOWLED IN FOUR LOCAL LEAGUES

Crist Breaks All Records for Individual Average.

### SAENGERBUND TAKES A SET

Gordon Sets New Figures in Bank Clerks' Contests, and His Team Beats the "Mets."

But for Crist's totals last night, the Navy Yard team would have made the poorest showing in any Departmental League set bowled this season on the Palace alleys. As it was, his team lost two games to the War Department.

The gunmakers took the first game by 42 pins, but lost each of the other two by over 100, and the highest game bowled in the set was 870. Neither team bowled up to its standard.

Crist made a new local record by bowling an average of 217, and his 226 and 230 were the high games of the evening. His nearest competitor was Williams, who had average of 174, and his 192 was the high game for his side.

### The scores:

Navy Yard.	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Talbert	135	125	150	410
Powers	129	117	120	366
Lyons	160	123	176	459
Shields	148	160	137	445
Crist	226	230	194	650
Totals	798	765	777	2,340
War Depart.	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Tanner	176	190	160	516
Cogan	128	187	159	474
Williams	157	173	192	522
Gorman	137	184	175	496
Allen	158	146	181	485
Totals	756	870	867	2,493

### Bank Clerk's League.

The team representing the Columbia Bank handily won the full set of three games from the Metropolitan last night on the Palace alleys in the Bank Clerks' League series.

The third game, 553, was the second highest rolled in this League's series and the total was rolled up through Gordon's high string of 241, which sets a new mark in the League for high game. Charlie Bright, of the "Mets," had next best with 223 and his average of 192 was the high average of the set. Home was next with 174.

### The scores:

Columbia.	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Gordon	114	158	241	513
Happ	129	146	164	439
McAlmont	149	124	123	406
Ellinger	150	123	174	447
Hume	194	183	146	523
Totals	746	734	858	2,338
Metropolitan.	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Kellogg	130	91	159	380
Hunt	113	112	112	337
Moore	140	126	157	423
Eckloff	170	161	158	489
C. Bright	176	176	223	575
Totals	729	676	809	2,214

### District Bowling League.

The Saengerbund team was rewarded for its journey to Takoma Park last night by the winning of three games from the bowling club of that suburb. The visiting team was not in form, and in and out bowling marked its work. Its best total was 821, and Laue and Scherman fell down badly in their strings. The best that can be said for the losers is that their bowling was steady and consistent, though low in totals; 666 was their highest and 650 their lowest game. Miller had best average with 182, and his 196 was high game. Burdine was next with an average of 168.

### The scores:

Takoma Park.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Miller	144	138	134	416
Fisk	142	148	140	430
Laue	141	146	133	420
Tarbell	146	165	134	445
Adams	113	128	109	350
Totals	666	665	650	1,981
Saengerbund.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Burdine	148	179	178	505
Laue	141	146	113	400
Scherman	154	124	174	452
Miller	182	187	196	565
Bruegger	175	159	169	503
Totals	800	775	821	2,396

### Railway Relief League.

The team representing the Four-and-a-half Street division of the Railway Relief Association League won two games last night from the City and Suburban quint. The pin fall was small all around and 726 was highest game bowled.

Hawkins was high man with 157 average and McIntire was second with 152. Hawkins' 168 was best single string.

### The scores:

4½ Street.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Totals.
Garber	149	153	146	448
Loveless	157	129	126	412
McIntire	162	168	126	456
Cooley	133	123	139	395
Wilson	133	128	160	421
Totals	727	701	691	2,119
C. and S.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Totals.
Skinner	159	154	141	454
Fuller	138	132	123	393
Wegenast	134	156	147	437
Freeman	124	126	127	377
Hawkins	158	163	144	465
Totals	713	726	682	2,121

### OLYMPIAS PLAY THE

#### ENGINEERS TOMORROW

The Olympias, the champions of the District, will meet the Engineers of Washington Barracks in a return game of football at National League Park, Seventh Street and Florida Avenue, at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The last game resulted in favor of the Engineers, and in this one the Olympias hope to regain their lost laurels.

The soldiers are pounds heavier than the Olympias, but the latter, through fast work and several new tricks, hope to score a winning.

There will be few changes in Olympias' line-up. Sutton will be replaced by Licanion and put on one of the ends, while Kerr and Kennedy will play the halves. The line will remain unchanged. The records of both teams are excellent, and a close game is expected.

## REVOLVER CLUB WINS FROM POLICE TEAM

Highest Score Made by Private G. E. Cook.

### PRIZE A SILVER LOVING CUP

Individual Contest Proves an Interesting Event—Lieutenant Holt Shows Up Strong.

The Metropolitan Police Force revolver team was defeated by the six men representing the District of Columbia Revolver Association in an interesting contest at the National Guard Armory last night. Many friends and relatives of the contestants were present.

The match between the policemen and the Revolver Club was the first event on the card. Each man was allowed ten shots at a distance of forty-five feet. The target was six inches in diameter. The bull's-eye was about one and one-half inches in diameter. Every bullet striking it counted ten points. Those which barely missed the round black spot counted nine, and so on down until two points were allowed for any bullet hitting the pasteboard.

The highest possible score for an individual was 100. The Revolver Association made a score of 457, and the guardians of the peace rolled up one of only 367.

### Highest Scores.

The highest score made by any of the contestants was that by Private George E. Cook. He tallied eighty-five out of a possible hundred. Three of his bullets punctured the bull's-eye. On one occasion he put a second one into the hole made by the preceding one. None of his shots counted less than seven points.

Private J. W. McCormack did the best work for the "Mets." His score was seventy-two, two points better than Kennedy, the second best on the police team. McCormack hit the center of the target three times.

### Score of the team match:

#### Revolver Association.

Major James E. Bell	73
Major G. B. Young	76
Capt. Alex. Summers	73
Lieut. W. M. Farrow	77
Lieut. F. H. Holt	73
Private G. E. Cook	85
Total	457

#### Police Force.

J. C. Bunn	69
J. W. McCormack	72
J. T. Kennedy	70
J. T. Newkirk	65
D. E. Langley	50
G. S. Catts	41
Total	367

The prize offered was a handsome silver loving cup. It was handsomely engraved and ornamented, with a prong of a deer horn on either side serving as handles. Major Sylvester, in a neat address, presented the cup to the victorious team. Major James E. Bell, inspector general of rifle practice of the Guard, accepted the trophy. He made a brief address, in which he congratulated the members of the winning team and policemen on their marksmanship. He expressed the hope that in the future the guardsmen and the policemen would participate in many similar events, and that all of the contestants would profit by the sport.

### Individual Contest.

At the conclusion of the team match an individual contest was started. About twenty men lined up. Each fired five shots. Lieutenant Holt hit the center of his target four times. He made a score of 48 out of a possible 50. This is the best ever tallied on the local range, either in practice or contest. Private McCormick, of the police force, won the second prize. He scored 44 points. He hit the center twice. Major Glendie B. Young and Captain Alexander Summers had each 41 points. Major Young was awarded third place because none of his shots were as low as six.

Private Bunn made a score of 39, Major Bell 38, and Private Archie Melien, 32. C. R. Sampson, G. S. Catts, Sergeant Murphy, J. T. Kennedy, Lieutenant Farrow, and several others also shot.

The prizes were a diamond stickpin, a revolver, an umbrella, and a pair of shoes. Major Bell presented the prizes and congratulated the men on their scores.

The policemen were handicapped in several ways. To begin with, they all used the regulation police weapon of .32-caliber, while the Guardsmen used .38's. The Guardsmen used the six-inch barrel, which gave them another advantage.

It is said that all of these things will be considered before the next meeting of the two teams.

### MUST REMOVE CORNICE AND GRANOLITHIC WALK

Acting upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel, the District Commissioners have directed that the Stumph Furniture Company be required to remove the cornice and granolithic pavement from the party line between premises 1130 and 1132 Connecticut Avenue northwest.

R. Ross Perry & Son, attorneys for Thomas Hyde, owner of premises 1132 Connecticut Avenue, brought the matter to the attention of the Commissioners, describing the encroachment and asking that it be removed. The trouble grew out of a discrepancy in the location of the lots in question. The deed to the Stumph property calls for eighteen inches more than was available. Mr. Hyde's house being located that much too far over the recorded lot lines. The matter first came before the Commissioners with regard to the location of a party wall. It was referred to the corporation counsel and he has now submitted an opinion in which he holds that as Mr. Hyde's possession has continued for more than twenty years, the 18-inch strip belongs to him through adverse possession, and, therefore, the center of the Hyde wall must be considered the dividing line between the two premises.

## SEVEN LEADING CYCLE TEAMS NOT A LAP APART

Six-Day Race May Be Decided by Inches.

### STRUGGLE NOW MECHANICAL

Sprinting Abilities of Riders Exhausted—All Attempts to Gain Good Lead Balked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The seven leading teams in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden are behind the record today. They have expended all their sprinting ability, and have now settled down to a steady pluck. The four teams of the second division are merely following.

All are riding mechanically, as it were. The few sprints attempted in the early hours of the day were short, none more than half a mile.

It seems now that only serious accidents can change the positions of the leaders, and, as was the case last year, the race will be won by inches. To one who has watched the race almost from the beginning it seems almost impossible for any one team to gain a lead of a lap.

### Balked Ambition.

This is made evident by the race that ensues when any one of the riders attempts to jump the bunch. The ambitious one usually gains an advantage of about twenty yards. Then the others chase after him like mad men, and invariably catch up before half a mile has been covered.

All kinds of schemes have been attempted to lengthen this twenty-yard gain, but the much sought after lap has never been made. This is why the final night sees a hair-raising struggle in the last hour until the last lap is covered.

Team mates have tried to pick each other up, and slight advantages have been gained. But the rules which prohibit any two of a team to be riding at the same time usually knock out all such attempts.

### Ten O'Clock Score.

Miles.	Laps.
Bretton and Darragon	472 3
McFarland and Maya	472 3
Minson and Moran	472 3
John Redell and M. Redell	472 3
Newkirk and Jacobson	472 3
Butler and Turville	472 3
Leander and Floyd Krebs	472 3
Barclay and Franz Krebs	472 2
Keegan and Keegan	472 2
Galvin and Root	472 2
Dorflinger and Heller	470 7
Best previous record is 698 miles 2 hrs.	

### PACER DAN PATCH SELLS FOR \$60,000

M. W. Savage, of Minneapolis, the Purchaser—Engages McHenry to Handle Animal.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 9.—M. W. Savage, of this city, has bought Dan Patch, the famous unbeaten pacer, of M. E. Sturgis, of New York, for \$60,000. M. E. McHenry, who has driven the horse many a fast mile, and scored 1,594 with him, has signed a contract with Mr. Savage to handle the horse for the racing seasons of 1903-1904. The horse is to be brought here. The price is said to be the highest ever paid for a pacer.

Dan Patch, by Joe Patchen, 2:07 1/4, is known as "the uncrowned king." Having paced in the world's record time of 1:59 1/4, he was deprived of the title by the technicality of having officially attempted to beat the record, instead of equal it. While he has beaten every horse pitted against him in three successive years, paced more heats at an average better than 2:06 than any horse that ever lived, he stands today without a technical championship record of any kind to his credit—a world's record in fact. He stands today unquestionably the greatest of harness sportsmen, everything considered, and at six years of age has the greatest future of any horse that ever lived, for the reason that it is believed that another season may see him acquiring the world's record, technically as he now holds it in fact. A horse of his individuality, speed, and breeding is bound to achieve success of the highest order when finally relegated to the stud.

His total winnings are \$27,175, made as follows: 1900, \$625; 1901, \$13,800; 1902, \$12,750. His seventeen heats in 1902 averaged 2:02 1/4, while his thirteen heats against time averaged 2:00 3/4.

### LEAGUE BASKETBALL TONIGHT.

The Carroll Institute team will have as its visitors tonight the Ordway Rifles for a league game of basketball, and a hotly contested game is promised as the halves are well matched. Between the halves, James Kerr, unattached, will wrestle a ten-minute bout with Marion Boxwell, of the Institute, and the match should prove an interesting feature. This match is the result of a challenge made Saturday night at the conclusion of the wrestling tourney. The men weigh 150 pounds each and are clever wrestlers.

### THIEF ENTERS HOUSE.

Abner Y. Lekanian, 604 Tenth Street northwest, reported to the police last night that his house was entered yesterday and a pocketbook containing \$6 taken. Entrance was made through a second-story window.

### At Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be ward off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Henry Evans, wholesale, and all druggists.

## NATIONAL MAGNETS READY FOR BUSINESS

Gather in New York for Annual Meeting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Representatives of all the National League clubs but one arrived in the city last night, prepared for a harmonious session tomorrow. Colonel Rogers, of Philadelphia, was the only absentee. It is doubtful whether the colonel will attend the meeting, as he has an important law case on hand this week. This will be a disappointment for those who look for trouble in the league, as it was expected the Philadelphia would enter a strong objection to the New York club securing the services of Delehanty.

These of the magnets in town last night were F. A. Abell, Charles H. Ebbetts, and Ned Hanlon, Brooklyn; A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, Boston; James A. Hart, Chicago; Barney Dreyfuss and Harry Pulliam, Pittsburgh; August Hermann and Max Fleishman, Cincinnati, and F. De Haas Robinson, St. Louis.

It was learned that the magnets intend to adopt a playing schedule for this season. Possibly this will be done today. The idea of arranging the schedule so early is to secure all the best dates in the cities where the American League conflicts with the National. Then if Ban Johnson's league wants a non-conflicting schedule they will have to take the dates that are left over.

If any of the magnets were disgraced last night by the moves of the American League toward putting a club in this city they failed to show it. On the contrary, there was a feeling of confidence that the breakers cannot secure a ground on Manhattan Island even if they do locate in Greater New York.

An interview with Secretary Hedges, of the St. Louis American League club, gives the latest version of the American League move to New York.

He is quoted as saying:

"The principal object of President Johnson's visit here was to close a transaction for grounds for the New York club. Strange as this may seem, it is a fact, and the transaction was closed right here in St. Louis. I would like to give you the location of the new grounds, but I can't do it just yet. The ground we have obtained is partially covered by buildings, and we are working to buy out the leases. If the present occupants find out who wants the ground they will hold us up hard, and we want to work quietly through outsiders to buy them out. I will say this, however, that the grounds are great, deal nearer the heart of New York than the Polo Grounds, and the transportation facilities will be unequalled. The old league has tried in every way to block us in getting suitable grounds, but we have fooled them this time. When the American League meets this month we will have the matters arranged and will then give out the location."

The "St. Paul Dispatch" gives Ban Johnson some good advice. It says: "There is a beautiful chunk of ground in New York, 18 inches by 24, on the corner of Broadway and Fifth Avenue, which can be bought for \$4,000,0